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## I Claim as My Invention:

- 1. A server for a communications network having a plurality of communications units which are networked to one another, the server comprising:
- a first interface for connecting the server to the communications network;
- a first controller for centrally controlling network-wide performance features in the communications network.
- 2. A server for a communications network as claimed in claim 1, wherein signaling messages are at least one of generated and evaluated by the first controller in order to control the performance features, the signaling messages being transmitted between the transmitted between the server and at least one of the plurality of communications units.
- 3. A server for a communications network as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first interface transmits the signaling messages between the server and at least one communications unit.
- 4. A server for a communications network as claimed in claim 1,20 further comprising:

a storage device for centrally storing performance feature-specific data.

- 5. A server for a communications network as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first controller controls performance features associated with an individual communications unit.
  - 6. A server for a communications network as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first controller controls performance features associated with a plurality of communications units simultaneously.

7. A server for a communications network as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first interface establishes a connection between the server and the communications units via a local network, the data being transmitted using an IP protocol.

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8. A communications unit for a communications network having a server, wherein the server includes a first interface for connecting the server to the communications network and a first controller for centrally controlling networkwide performance features in the communications network, the communications unit comprising:

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- a second interface for connecting the communications unit to the communications network;
- a second controller for controlling the performance features in the communications network using the server.

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9. A communications unit for communications network as claimed in claim 8, wherein signaling messages are at least one of generated and evaluated by the second controller in order to control the performance features, the signaling messages being transmitted between the server and the communications unit.

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10. A communications unit for a communications network as claimed in claim 9, wherein the second interface transmits the signaling messages between the communications unit and the server.

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11. A communications unit for a communications network as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second interface establishes a connection between the server and the communications unit via a local network, the data being transmitted using an IP protocol.

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12. A method for controlling performance features in a communications network, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of communications units which are networked to one another and connected to the communications network;

providing a server connected to the communications network; and centrally controlling the performance features in the communications network via the server.

- 13. A method for controlling performance features in a communications network as claimed in claim 12, wherein signaling messages are transmitted between the server and at least one of the plurality of communications units in order to implement network-wide performance features.
- 14. A method for controlling performance features in a communications network as claimed in claim 12, wherein performance feature-specific data are stored centrally in the server and in the communications units.
- 15. A method for controlling performance features in a communications network as claimed in claim 12, wherein performance features which relate to an individual communications unit are centrally controlled.
- 16. A method for controlling performance features in a communications network as claimed in claim 12, wherein performance features which relate simultaneously to a plurality of communications units are centrally controlled.

17. A method for controlling performance features in a communications network as claimed in claim 12, wherein the communications network is a private communications network.